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Shared Services and/or Consolidation

Recently, you may have been asked to sign a petition that would require a referendum in November of 2008 on whether we should fund a study on shared services and the possibility of Harrington Park consolidating our town with the community of Old Tappan.

At the time of this writing, the petition lacked the required number of signature. The Old Tappan petition also lacked the necessary number of signatures.

This is not the place for me to comment on the political aspect of this activity, but I will tell you that several people have asked to have their names removed for various reasons. I want you to also know that we have many shared service agreements already in place. In addition, we are currently working on the purchase of DPW equipment to meet our responsibility of the new Stormwater Management laws passed in Trenton. For years, we have developed agreements with neighboring towns to help reduce the cost of local government.

For every dollar we save, our representatives in Trenton send us new bills for "unfunded mandates" that result in major tax increases in property taxes.

I am interested in your thoughts on this matter. If time permits would you please write and let me know your thoughts and concerns.

"THE MICROBURST"

As you know by now, Wednesday, August 6, 2008 proved to be a most unusual day in Harrington Park. While we experienced a lot of damage to both dwellings and trees, we were fortunate that no one was hurt.

Under separate cover, I have thanked all those who were involved in the recovery effort. By 6pm that day, just 12 hours after the event, all but a handful of our residents were back on line. All of the emergency service groups were on the scene and helped coordinate our operations.

A special thank you was extended to all of our Borough agencies and the people working in those capacities. I also thank the residents of Harrington Park for reaching out to those most severely impacted by the microburst.

Thank you. Paul A. Hoelscher, Mayor

Borough Hall News

POLICE DEPARTMENT

201-768-2100

Chief David J. Moppert

www.harringtonparkpolice.com

BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION

Thomas E. Simpson, Fire Marshal 201-321-9550

tsimp07640@aol.com Re: HP Resident

Before any residence is rented, leased or sold, a required Smoke Detector/Carbon Monoxide Detector, and Fire Extinguisher compliance inspection is required by the Fire Marshal. Contact the Building Dept. for an application and additional info.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Russell Lowe, Chief 201-768-0417 IF THERE IS A FIRE, GET OUT OF THE HOUSE FIRST-THEN CALL 911 FROM A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE OR ON A CELL PHONE

HP VOL. AMBULANCE CORPS

John Bagli 201-768-9547 hpvac526@gmail.com.

WE ARE IN DESPIRATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS AND WILL HELP TRAIN YOU-PLEASE JOIN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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Calls have not been able to be answered by our town and Closter has assisted. Any nurse, advanced practice nurse, physician or physician assistant can become an EMT with a 3-day course. We ALSO need drivers—8 hr. class. We will work with you!!!!

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION INFORMATION REVERSE 911

201-768-1700

If you have not been receiving messages, please check to see if your phone system is set up to block automated messages. *All Numbers will be kept confidential.*

TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

201-768-1588

Due to the delayed mailing of tax bills, the DEADLINE for the INTEREST-FREE

period will be extended to **SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

after which interest will begin to accrue BACK to August 1st.

DPW

Mark Kiernan 201-768-0944

Recycling Pick-up for plastics and cans— Mon. September 8th.
Garbage - Wed. & Sat.
Garden refuse - Mon. & Thurs.
Brush Chipper— Mon. & Tues.
Place branches over 1-1/2" diameter

with cut ends towards street.

Pile stumps and logs separately.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nicola A. Lepore, Building Inspector 201-768-2585

Electric, Plumbing and Fire Inspections 201-768-7110 hpbldgzoning@optonline.net Building Official Hours:

Tuesdays- 9:30am-1pm Wednesday 11am-1pm

Thursday from 1-3pm.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Joan Gaffney 201-768-8790

Our Town Nurse, Cathy Flagg will be doing blood pressure screenings at Borough Hall:

2nd Wednesday of the month from 10am-11:45am 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11am-11:45am

Borough Hall is looking for photographs (to scan) of the following Mayors:
David L. Ward 1906-1908
John D. Campbell 1908-1912
Arthur E. Taylor 1912-1916
John A. Carlson 1920-1922
Harry J. Grumpelt 1928-1930
Lester C. Brower 1932-1942
Joseph D. Fagan 1955-1956
Contact Ann Lott Bistritz at 201-768-1714

Clerk's Corner....

Susan S. Nelson, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk 201-768-1700

Raffle Licenses—If you are you planning to hold a raffle or a 50/50, please come in to get all the forms and paperwork. The process requires Mayor and Council approval prior to holding your raffle. If you plan to sell tickets ahead of the event a license from the State of New Jersey is required. No matter how charitable the cause, you must get a license.

Pet Licenses-Do you have a new dog or cat? By New Jersey statute new pets must be licensed by the age of 7 months. No license can be issued without rabies certification through at least Oct. 31 of the current year (rabies vaccinations for new pets are usually only valid for one year). If the expiration date is prior to Oct. 31 of the licensing year, you need a new vaccination before a license can be issued. All dog and cat licenses expire on Dec. 31 each year, New licenses are due by Jan. 31 of the subsequent year. Licenses issued after Jan. 31 are subject to late fees of \$10 per month. After April 1 you are subject to a summons. If your beloved pet is no longer with you, please notify this office so that we can update our records.

Notary Public- If you need documents notarized, I am available from 10:00am until 4:30pm most days. I am also available for notary services on certain scheduled evenings.

Resident Feedback- Please call my office or email me at hpboro@optonline.net and I will be sure to pass the information to the appropriate personnel. There is also a form on the Borough website at www.hpboro.net that can be filled out and sent in.

October 14 is the deadline to register to vote in the November general election. The Clerk's office will be open until 9:00pm for that purpose.

Governor Corzine has signed new legislation for military absentee ballots. Call the Clerk's office for more information-201-768-1700

TOWN NEWS

BOROUGH MEETINGS

8 pm at Municipal Center except where noted

Mayor and Council:

Agenda Meeting: Sept. 8 Regular Meeting: Sept. 15

PLANNING BOARD: Sept. 9

BOARD OF HEALTH: Sept. 8 @ 7:30pm RECREATION COMMISSION: Sept. 17 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: Sept. 25

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION: Sept. 10 MAYOR'S OPEN HOUSE: by appointment

LIBRARY BOARD: 7:30 pm at Library Sept. 3 & 17

GENERAL COURT SESSIONS: 2nd Thurs. at 5:30 pm

Office open 1:30 pm through court

Court Administrator: Lindsay Taglieri 201-768-0500 Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri. 1:30-4:00 pm Tues. 9:00-11:00 am Lindsay.Taglieri1@judiciary.state.nj.us

RECREATION COMMISSION

Chris Apostle, Chairman 201-767-0779

Look for additional information: www.hp-sports.org

Help support HP's Sports Program

Soccer practices and games will start right after Labor Day. K- Grade 2 Clinics are still open.

Call Steve Misa 201-784-3622

Registration for HP Fall Soccer is now open! Just go to our website and register **NOW**.

3rd Annual Coaches Kick-off Celebration

Sept. 1 at Highland Field. If you signed up to be a Coach or Assistant you will be receiving an emails with details.

HP LIBRARY-Judy Heldman 201-768-5675 Hours

Mon., Wed., Thurs. 10am-9pm Tues. & Fri 12 Noon-5pm Sat. 10am-1pm & Sun. 1pm-4pm

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY-Lynne Warshavsky

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.

FLOOD ZONE/MAP PROBLEMS: 973-300-2000

If any resident has any FEMA issues regarding your property being classified in a flood zone.

HARRINGTON PARK POST OFFICE

Mark M. Hannan, Postmaster 201-784-6754

HP Post Office processes passports Monday-Friday from 10am-2pm and Saturdays 9am-12pm-by appointment.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Ann Lott Bistritz, 201-768-1714

Next meeting September 10, 2008 8pm at Borough Hall

The EC welcomes a new column ...HP Naturally
Sponsored by HP Girl Scout Troop 702

We are fortunate that in our town, over 300 residential lots border on or overlook parkland and protected forests.

Did you know the residents of HP have a wonderful natural resource right in their backyard? Discover Beechwood Park located off of Beechwood Place along the Hackensack River. Less than 15% of the 278 Middle School students in HP last year had never heard of, or visited Beechwood Park; only 45 students knew the "stream" was the Hackensack River.

This forest, along with the rest of the watershed property in our area serves to protect and clean the water we drink. The Upper Hackensack River watershed provides water for over 1 million people in Bergen and Hudson counties.

Go out and take a walk in our woods, admire the beauty of the American Beeches and experience *HP Naturally*.

<u>MAYORS OUTREACH TASK FORCE</u> <u>Confidential HOT LINE</u> for those who need help 201-768-0873

Monday Sept 22-7:30pm at Community Church

Please make every effort to attend. We are making continual progress to create an outreach program that will provide much assistance for people in need in our community.

DONATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED Program is available to ALL residents if needed. Please send your contribution to:

Mayors Task Force for Community Outreach c/o The Community Church PO Box 135, HP.

For more information or assistance please call Ann Bistritz at Borough Hall–201-768-1714 or Reverend Kaden-201-768-2457

DRIVERS NEEDED:

Senior Van Drivers needed. Flexible Hours-Paid Position Call Borough Hall: 201-768-1700

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Boy Scout Troop 616

Tom Betancourt 201-750-3330 tomscourt@gmail.com

Meetings-Mon. at the Comm. Church.

The Boy Scouts collect used computer ink cartridges and cell phones to recycle. Drop them off at Borough Hall or contact Laura Latrenta 201-750-2013 or at Llatrenta@aol.com.

Cub Scout Pack 111

John Gorman 201-750-6989
Gorman.john@epa.gov
New Scouts & Volunteers welcome
Meetings 7pm Community Church
Sept. 11– New Buddies Invite a buddy
that might be interested in joining. Any
boy from 1st– 5th grade is welcome.
Sept. 19-21-Camping at Glen Gray

Girl Scouts of Harrington Park

Robin Martin 201-660-8661
robinmartin73@optonline.net
Laura Latrenta 201-750-2013
Llatrenta@aol.com
Information Hot Line- 201-768-3748
Sept 12- Ice Cream Social and
Registration K-12. Rain date Sept. 16

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Janice Raymar 201-767-8225
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In memory of Barbara Gonnelli, SMILE
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of cancer and other disabling illnesses.

September Concert at Highland Field

Saturday, September 6th 7pm-9pm

Bring a Chair or a blanket and enjoy Rock 'n' Roll Classics from Harrington Park's own Steve Avillo and his band The PAST MASTERS



7th ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK

Saturday, OCTOBER 11th Community Parks Project of HP Check in 8am–Race starts 10am HP Boro Hall, 85 Harriot Avenue.

Pre-Registration Discount Friday 5pm-8pm at Boro Hall Register and pick up your T-shirt, etc

www.HP5K.com for registration & course map.

For sponsors and Volunteers email: musc88@optonline.net



Load up on your Race Carbs....

Spaghetti Dinner FRIDAY NIGHT-6PM Oct. 10th

at the Community Church Enjoy a home cooked dinner hosted by **Boy Scouts Troop 616**

\$8 pp OR **\$6 for 5K participants**

Call Tom Betancourt for info & tix 201-750-3330

tomscourt@gmail.com

Leslie Galioto 201-750-4998 Meetings 2nd Wed. - monthly meeting at

Jr. Women's Club of Harr. Park

Kathleen Jaeger 201-750-1949

Meetings 2nd Wed. - monthly meeting at 7:30 pm upstairs at the Library. 2nd Casino Night will be here soon!! Friday, October 3, 2008 7:30pm Valley Brook Golf Club, River Vale, NJ Tickets are \$60 per person includes Buffet, Music, Games & Raffle Prizes Purchase tickets by Sept 21 and receive \$25 in playing chips. Call Brandy Wohner at 201-750-1997

First Friends Playgroup

FirstFriendsHP@aol.com www.FirstFriendsHP.com

First Friends is a non-denominational playgroup for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. Please visit our website for more details and registration info. Program begins in September.

Home and School Association

www.hphsa.com
Mary Oakes, President
Welcome Back to School!
2008-09 HSA Board members:
President-Mary Oakes
Vice Pres. Cultural Arts-Terry Schettino
Vice Pres. Fundraising-Lena LaVine
Secretary-Phyllis Terranova
Treasurer-Diane Walker
Speak with a Board member or stop by
the school office for a volunteer form if
you would like to help us out.

Mark Your Calendar:

Sept. 4 1st Day of School

Sept. 5 New Parents Breakfast

Sept. 9 HSA meeting 8:30am Class Parent Meeting 2pm

Sept. 24-26 Stokes Trip—6th Grade Sept. 27 8th Grade Car Wash

BOARD OF EDUCATION

201-768-5700

"Leading the Way"

Dr. Adam Fried, Superintendent Melissa Simmons, Business Admin.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Historical Society

Gerri Gibney 201-768-2615 themerchantmouse@aol.com

"Battle of Gettysburg"

Speaker William "Pat" Schuber former Bergen County Executive Meeting-Sept. 8, 7:30pm at Library

Oct. 17th-Art Show Fundraiser featuring local artists, and entertainment and refreshments. Tickets are \$30 Call Anne Kruger: 201-768-0427

Club 60

Ed Higgins, President
Membership call Olive: 201-768-3150
"The Friendly Club" of Harrington Park
Meetings are the 2nd Fri. of every
month, (except July & August) at the
Community Church. All senior
citizens, men & women, from
surrounding towns are welcome to join.
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who need to get to the doctor,
shopping and Motor Vehicle (for
ID's). Call 48 hours ahead at:
201-385-3577

Sept 26-Steam Train Ride and River Boat Cruise in Essex, Conn. Lunch at the Dine & Dock Restaurant. \$45pp.

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Margaret Sommer 201-768-8159 Barbara Savoye 201-768-6825 For info call Club Pres. Barbara Savoye

> American Legion Post #30 Bob Shortal 201-768-9577

Drop old and worn flags at Borough Hall to be held for proper retirement.

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM

Congressman Scott Garrett's office will be available at Borough Hall, 4th Tuesday, each month between 1-3pm to assist residents of the 5th District in answering questions involving Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, or any other Federal Program

Harrington Park Lions Club

John Dunlea, President 201-750-6410 Congratulations to Allison Dippolito and Brittany Bucceroni, recipients of the Annual HP Lions Club Scholarship of \$2000 each. Allison will be attending Catholic University and Brittany, Stockton State College.

2008 Fall classic Golf Outing October 24, 2008 New York Country Club New Hempstead, NY Regist./Breakfast– 8am-Shot Gun 9:30 James Pepe: 201-403-3483



Lion Bob Frank is honored as District Governor for District 16A at the State Convention in Somerset

L-R Mayor Paul Hoescher, Lion Bob Frank, Lioness Chris Frank, Lions Lou Apa and Rob Budinich

Garden Club of Harrington Park

Gerri Gibney 201-768-2615 themerchantmouse@aol.com

Meeting—September 4, 2008 7:30pm in the HP Library

Join us for a guest speaker on a garden related topic. Gardening enthusiasts, both active and armchair are invited. Refreshments served.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Rev. Diane Lynn Rhodes-Interim Rector 201-768-0819

standrewhp@gmail.com
Many people from HP and the surrounding area have participated over the last 20 years in helping the Overflow Shelter at St. Andrews.
A Thank-You Dinner will be held on September 24th at 6pm at the Church.
All participants are invited to attend.
Please call 201-768-6885 for more information: Paul R. Shackford,
Shelter Coordinator

Food Drive-Sept. 20th. Drop off filled bags to the church Sept. 26-28th.

Blood Drive-Sept. 28th 11:30am-2pm At the church-

What a wonderful way to help others!

Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church

Father Bryan Adamcik Deacon Al McLaughlin 201-768-1706

Weekend Mass Schedule: Sat. 5pm, Sun.: 7:30, 9:30, 10:45am, 12 noon and 6pm. Latin Mass-Sunday 8:30am **OLV Parish Picnic– Sept. 28th** \$10 pp/ \$25 per family. Call the rectory for more information.

Community Church

Reverend Kaden: 201-768-2457 cchp@verizon.net

Back to Sunday School Day-Sept. 14 Children 3-18, 10am for worship and Sunday School (music, crafts and Bible studies).

Puppet Club-9:15am Sundays

Work on performing a puppet skit in church every 6-8 weeks.

October In-Home Study

Max Lucado's "He Still Moves Stones".

Parents Day Out-29th Year

Starts Monday September 8th. Monday through Thursdays from 9am-2:30pm. Call the Church for more information. Pick and choose your hours. We can help keep your children busy while you run your errands!

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Thank you to the NVOT Jazz Band for donating their time for this fundraiser.

Zach Zahos' Eagle Scout Project—Troop 616 Father's Day June 15th.

Music Concert with jazz bands from the HP School and NVOT along with various ensemble composed from current and former music students from the area was enjoyed for the admission price of feed donations for the National Guard Armory in Teaneck. Over 57 bags of food and \$315 in donations was raised



Zach Zahos with Sgt. Janis Shaw of the National Guard Armory Food Bank, Teaneck.

From the Mayor's Desk...

HP VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

I was very pleased to submit the names of Mrs. Ethel Johnson and Mr. Arnie Seymour-Jones as our Volunteers of the Year. Each year, Bergen County honors those who give so freely of their time as volunteers.

Mrs. Johnson has been very active in the creation and development of our municipal library. Ethel has also held almost every position in the Woman's Club. She was also very active in the PTA before it became the HP-HSA. In addition, Ethel has contributed many hours of service in church and political activities.

For over 40 years, Mr. Seymour-Jones has been a member, (and for several years), chairman of our Planning Board. He has also served on the Recreation Commission and as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 111. Arnie has volunteered his services to the HP Community Church and the New-York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

This is a well deserved honor for both Ethel and Arnie which will be recognized at a program in mid-October at the County Offices. Many thanks to both of you.

OUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY

There are two areas of concern that need our attention. First, please remember that unless otherwise posted, **ALL** roadways in HP have speed limits of "25" MILES PER HOUR. I am asking that you please slow down. Specific areas of concern are Highland Avenue and Bogerts Mill Road. Remember these are OUR children and the schools are to back in session soon.

Second, the section of Beechwood Park that we lease from United Water is being used for activities that are both dangerous to those involved and not permitted under our lease. If your child is involved please correct the situation. The police have been asked to increase there efforts at Beechwood. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING

Joanne Scalpello of Harrington Park Travel, and a resident of the town, and mother of a son who is currently in the military, has agreed to chair an ad-hoc committee to maintain communication with our residents serving in the military.

In addition, through regular contacts from the Borough, we hope to provide those serving with various tokens of our appreciation. If you know of anyone in the service, please let us know so we can include them in this program. Thank you.

OFFICERS SPRENGEL AND FIERRO TO BE HONORED

On July 14, 2008, police officers David Sprengle and Justin Fierro responded to an accident involving Mr. Robert Lewis of Harrington Park. The nature of the accident caused the car to burst into flames. At risk to their own lives, David and Justin were able to remove Mr. Lewis, saving his life.

Officers Sprengel and Fierro will be recognized for their efforts at our September 15, 2008 Mayor and Council meeting at 8pm. I also plan to join with the Closter Police Dept. in submitting their names to the 200 Club, AAA and the American Red Cross for the appropriate recognition. Thank you for a job well done.

TASK FORCE LOGO WINNER

Our Community Task Force, now known as "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", sponsored a logo contest through the Library's Summer Reading Program. The purpose was to find a picture that depicts their service to HP. The winner of the contest was Sari Abolafia. The very close runners-up were Varsha Vijayakumer and Mary Moskowitz. Congratulations, you all did a fine job.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARD DISTRIBUTION

In the very near future, you will be receiving *Emergency Medical Cards* that you hopefully will post on your kitchen refrigerator door. This information will help our Ambulance Corps and Emergency Medical crews to serve you better. I hope you take the time to post this information. More forms are available at Borough Hall. You should have one for each family member.

Paul A. Hoelscher, Mayor